

The North Carolina Award

The North Carolina Awards were instituted by the 1961 General Assembly, which acted on the idea of Dr. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville, State Senator from Pitt County. These prestigious awards, as set forth in the General Statutes, recognize “notable accomplishments by North Carolina citizens in the fields of scholarship, research, the fine arts and public leadership.” They represent the highest honor the State of North Carolina can bestow upon a citizen. Awards are presented annually to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to artistic and literary expression, scientific achievement, and civic leadership.



The North Carolina Award, designed by eminent sculptor Paulanship (1885-1966)

Awards Categories

“These recognitions shall be known as the North Carolina Awards for Literature, Science, the Fine Arts and Public Service, and shall be conferred upon citizens of North Carolina for the most achieved during years prior to the award.” (NCGS §140A-2)

Individuals may be nominated in the following categories. Select a category to read about past recipients in that field, or click [here](#) to review an alphabetical list of all recipients.

- [Fine Arts](#)
- [Literature](#)
- [Public Service](#)
- [Science](#)

Awards Eligibility

- Recipients must have made significant, documented contributions to the State of North Carolina in one of the awards categories.
- Recipients must have been born in North Carolina *or*, if originally from elsewhere, must be current residents of North Carolina.
- Recipients must agree to attend the awards presentation to receive the award.



The North Carolina Awards program is administered by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, a state agency with the mission to enrich lives and communities, as well as the vision to harness the state’s cultural resources to build North Carolina’s social, cultural and economic future. Information is available 24/7 at www.ncculture.com.

Awards Nominations Guidelines

Nomination Guidelines

- **Nomination forms must be received or postmarked on or before May 15, 2014.**
- Nominations will be accepted by mail or delivery.
- Nominations may be made by anyone, including oneself.
- An individual or organization may make multiple nominations during the same year.
- Posthumous nominations will not be accepted.
- The identities of all nominees shall remain confidential.

Nomination Package

A nomination package should contain the following materials:

REQUIRED

- ✓ **Nomination Form**
- ✓ **Cover Letter**
- ✓ **Nominee's CV or Bio**

RECOMMENDED

- ✓ **Support Letters**

- Please submit six (6) copies of the complete application.
- Letters of support may follow the initial nomination if necessary. Additional information may be received by e-mail.
- When submitting books or other media, please note that they will only be shared with the entire Committee for advance review if enough copies are received; otherwise, they will be held on file until the Committee gathers to meet.
- Nomination packages for nominees not selected in the current year will be kept on file and considered one (1) additional year. If the nominee isn't selected in the second year, a new, updated nomination package will be required for the nominee to be considered in a future awards cycle. Past nomination materials will not be returned nor retained.
- Committee maintains the right to request additional information on each candidate.

Mail	Delivery	E-mail
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Awards Selection Process

Awards Cycle At-A-Glance

Call for Nominations	Early 2014	Statewide distribution of press releases announcing the awards nomination process
Nomination Deadline	May 15, 2014	Deadline for nominations to be postmarked or received by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources
Committee Review	Spring 2014	Independent review of the nominations by the members of the Awards Committee
Selection & Notification	Summer 2014	Meeting of the Awards Committee to select recipients; phone calls to winning nominees and written notification to all nominators
Awards Ceremony	Nov. 13, 2014	Presentation of the awards by the Governor of North Carolina at a special ceremony

Awards Review

Awards recipients are chosen by the North Carolina Awards Committee, a selection committee of five (5) members appointed by the Governor. The Committee reviews the nominations and may select one or more nominees in each of the four (4) categories. At the Committee's discretion, a nominee may be moved to a different category than originally nominated. Factors considered in the selection process include:

- Span and scope of career
- Voluntary public service
- Legacy of work
- Current projects
- Awards and honors

Awards Statutes

- Awards may be made annually to native-born North Carolinians, living outside of North Carolina, for preeminent accomplishment in no more than two (2) of the fields.
- No award shall be made in any field unless the selection committee deems the recognized accomplishment to be outstanding in merit, value, and distinction.
- Annual awards are not to exceed six (6) in number.



2014 North Carolina Awards Nomination Form

Submission Deadline: May 15, 2014

Please select the category for which the nominee should be considered:

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Fine Arts

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Literature

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Public Service

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Science

Nominee Information

Title	Full Name				Date of Birth
Address		City	State	Zip	County of Residence
Work Phone Number		Home Phone Number		E-mail Address	

Nominee must be:

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Born in North Carolina

and/or

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Current resident of North Carolina

Please provide the top 5 reasons nominated, including the nominee's achievements.

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Nominator Information

Name			E-mail Address		
Address		City	State	Zip	Phone Number

To be considered for the 2014 N.C. Awards, the nomination form must be received or postmarked on or before **May 15, 2014**. Please submit the nomination to an address below. The nomination should include this form, a cover letter, and CV/bio; publications and examples of work will also be accepted. Letters of support may follow the initial nomination.

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